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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or  
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/931,309
Confirmation Number	3931
Filing Date	August 17, 2001
First Named Inventor	NAKAMURA, Tetsuo
Group Art Unit	1752
Examiner Name	Chea THORL
Matter Number	Q65828
Title	SILVER HALIDE PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL AND METHINE DYE

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
previously filed on March 30, 2004
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Petition for Extension of Time
- v. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. MISCELLANEOUS**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a  
period of \_\_\_\_\_ months
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. FEES**

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all  
required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any  
overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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Signature Sheldon I. Landsman Date May 27, 2004



PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q65828

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)**

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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action, dated April 22, 2004, in which the Examiner has refused to enter the Amendment of March 30, 2004, because the new limitations on the scope of "Z" raises new issues that require further consideration and/or search, applicants are filing concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) to gain entry of the Amendment of March 30, 2004.

The Examiner states in the Advisory Action that claim 4 fails to further limit the Z ring of the compound presented in claim 1. Applicants point out, however, that claim 4 is an independent claim that does not depend from claim 1, and contains various recitations which distinguish it from claim 1.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)


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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,



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